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DEVELOPMENT OF BIOTECHNOLOGY
SRIKANTA DATTA NARASIMHARAJA WADIYAR

Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to develop biotechnology in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith assistance provided by the Government, State-wise;

(c) whether some State Government have also taken steps in this regard;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether any Biotechnology Development Project has been launched in Karnataka; and

(f) if so, the assistance provided by the Union Government to the State for the purpose ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI BACHI SINGH RAWAT)

(a) : Yes Sir.

(b) : R&D programmes in Biotechnology are supported in the research institutes, universities and other agencies in the various States. These projects are in the areas of agriculture, health and environment. The programmes are also taken up through the S&T Councils of some States. The Department of Biotechnology has supported 52 teaching programmes and established 55 bioinformatic centres all over the country including Karnataka.

(c) &(d) : States like Andhra Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Kerala, Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh, West Bengal, Tamil Nadu and North Easterr States are taking initiatives in establishment of biotech parks, Centres and many other programmes.

(e) & (f) : The Government of Karnataka is establishing an Institute of Bioinformatics and Applied Biotechnology. In addition, a number of R&D projects have been supported by the Government of India. Research institutes such as Indian Institute of Science, Jawaharlal Nehru Centre and universities in Karnataka have received major support. About Rs.30 crores have been given to the various programmes in the State in the last 5 years.